

FY2011 Appropriations Request Form

Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier
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Washington, D.C. 20515
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Website: HYPERLINK "http://www.speier.house.gov" www.speier.house.gov

Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form.
Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All appropriations project requests will be presented to and evaluated by the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel, made up of community leaders. **This year's panel meetings will be held on February 26, March 5 and March 12, 2010 in the 12th Congressional District.** Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, Chief of Staff, at 202/225-3531 or via email, HYPERLINK "mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov" Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All information provided on this form and any supporting documents will be made available to the public on the Congresswoman's website.

DEADLINE: Forms are due by Friday, February 12, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. (P.S.T.)/9:00 p.m. (E.S.T.). Project requests submitted after that date will not be considered.

Date Submitted: February 12, 2010

Project Name: Pillar Point Educational Foundation

Individual/Organization: *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?) Yes*

Amount Requested (if requesting report language, please attach.):
\$80,000

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status
(e.g., "Public Law 107-111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act") Applicants uncertain as to how to answer this question should contact Cookab Hashemi at 202-225-3531 or via email, HYPERLINK "mailto: Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov" Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov for assistance:
Labor, Employment Training Administration

Local Contact (Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact. Please provide local address, state, zip code and email address):
Leland Parsons
President/ Founder
Pillar Point Educational Foundation
One Johnson Pier #58
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
619-507-5071

Organization's Main Activities. (Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, non-profit or private for-profit entity.)
We are a 501(c)(3) organization established to provide financial grants for the education, formal or technical, of the members of the commercial fishing community and their families. These would be financed by the operation of the historic Monterey style fishing vessel, IRENE, as a harbor tour boat. The net proceeds from its operation will be used to provide the grants. We expect to provide grants within six months of the start of operations.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form. (Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)

Engine/Drive Train*	\$25,000
Fuel Tanks	4,000
Safety Rail - stainless steel	18,000
Life Raft	6,000
Life Jackets	2,400
Coast Guard Required Electronics	3,600
Operating Capital	21,000
Total	<hr/> \$80,000

*The engine will exceed Federal and State standards for efficiency.

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. *(Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)*

Adequate funding means we can complete the boat. We need to have all of the items shown on the chart in order to get Coast Guard approval for use of the vessel as a tour boat. Purchase of the listed items will begin upon receipt of funds. The costs listed reflect prices we have been quoted for the items needed to qualify the boat for use.

Within three months of funding, the boat will be fully operational, manned by a paid staff(3 captains and 3 crew members working on a rotating schedule and an administrative assistant) and ready to operate as a tour boat and for environmental education events. Our skilled volunteers, who have contributed over 4,000 hours, will assist in the completion of the boat. We need the operating funds to cover costs e.g. salaries, insurance, etc., incurred during start-up period of the tours operation. After the initial run up period we will be self-supporting and envisage an annual net revenue of \$25,000. Those funds will provide educational grants for the community.

How will this project request serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)*

We need to complete boat in order to start the harbor tours. Once that happens, we will be fully self-sustaining. Ticket sales will cover operational costs and net proceeds will be used to provide the educational

grants.

Can this proposal be funded via fees levied on users of the service or via the ordinary capital budgeting process of the organization?

No. This proposal will allow us to complete the restoration, hire staff, and begin a self-sustaining operation which will fund the educational grants.

What is the local significance of this project?

Jobs, The local commercial fishing community is economically distressed. A general economic downturn, depleted species, climate change and Federal restrictions on fishing have worsened an already difficult situation. Seven good paying jobs will make a difference in the lives of several families. Funding for education grants will provide for educational opportunities, formal and technical, which they cannot afford. Additionally, operation of the boat will help inform and preserve the rich history of Pillar Point Harbor.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project?

(i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)

Each year thousands of people visit the harbor and many ask the Harbormaster if there is a way to get out into the harbor. We expect that a successful tour operation will increase commerce in the harbor as well as surrounding communities. We also want to educate locals and visitors about the rich history of the harbor area and the surrounding environment. We believe that those who can spend time on the water and learn about the ecosystems will be better advocates for the preservation of our environment.

Please explain the federal interest in this proposal (i.e. meets a stated objective of federal policy, supports a federal agency, is the result of a federal law/mandate, etc.)

We will immediately provide jobs for 7 persons in the harbor area. Crew members will be able to log their hours on the water and work toward qualifying to be Captains. Fishermen and their family members can improve their job skills and prepare themselves for work in a highly competitive global economy. Short term, we need to get people working now. Long term, we need to have an educated, flexible work force. This tour boat can be a means of meeting both goals.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. (Please submit copies of support letters along with the request form.)

Marina Frasier, Mayor, Half Moon Bay, CA
Robb de Vournai, Coordinator, HMB Peninsula Diversified Network
San Mateo County Harbor District
Dan Temko, Harbormaster, Pillar Point Harbor
Wells Fargo Foundation

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project?
(Federal, State, Local or private request pending?)
We are seeking additional funds from private sources.

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project? *(Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)*
No

Has the individual and/or organization submitted the project request to other Member offices? If so, please identify below the names of the Members of Congress and staff persons.
No

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members from 2005 – 2010. (if any). attached

Please attach any additional relevant materials.



One Johnson Pier # 58
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
619-507-5071

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The following individuals comprise the Board of Directors and Officers of the Pillar Point Educational Fund:

Name	Title	Compensation
Leland		
Parsons	President & Board Member	NONE
Peter		
Guernsey	VP, Treasurer & Board Member	NONE
Cecily		
Parsons	Secretary & Board Member	NONE
Greg		
Gomes	Board Member	NONE
Alex		
Becker	Board Member	NONE
Jack		
Gross	Board Member	NONE

Each of the Board Members and Officers of the Educational Fund have contributed significant amounts of either funds or volunteer labor to the restoration of the IRENE.



HMB Peninsula Diversified Network,

a division of HOPE Services

625 Miramontes St., Suite 101B, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Telephone: (650) 712-4476 Fax: (650) 712-1259

February 18, 2010

Attention: Ms. Cookab Hashemi,
Congresswoman Jackie Spiers
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Our non-profit organization, the Half Moon Bay - Peninsula Diversified Network, a division of HOPE Services of San Jose has previously worked with Mr. Parsons for a year and half on the Project Irene, which restored a boat for use as a Harbor Tour vessel that will raise educational funds that benefits commercial fisherman's children.

The work has benefitted the community, provided activities and employment skills to our clients that could ultimately translate out into potential careers for our program participants. In the future, they will also have the opportunity to work on the tour boats when they become operational as guides and deck hands earning a respectable income.

I would like to encourage you to support this excellent community assct.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robb de Vournai".

Robb de Vournai
Program Coordinator
Half Moon Bay - Peninsula Diversified Network
A division of HOPE Services of San Jose
625 Miramontes Street, #101B
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

cc: Pillar Point Educational Fund
c/o Leland Parsons
1 Johnson Pier
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

From Pillar Point Harbormaster.*

On behalf of the San Mateo County Harbor District, The Pillar Point Harbor Patrol and all of those various seagoing folks of all ages and levels of experience, from crusty old salts, to tailored yacht racers, from dreamers and readers to world navigators, and from all of us that enjoy the sea and are drawn to things nautical, I send my heartfelt thanks and commendations to Leland Parsons and all those involved in the restoration of the vessel Irene.

Not only have Leland and his crew helped keep a strong connection with the past but also he has set a new course for the future of the vessel Irene. Highlighting the beautiful design and craftsmanship that her original owners built her with, Leland and his crew have used remarkable skill, knowledge, and perseverance to resurrect this beautiful and Historic Vessel.

Thanks also to all of the incredible volunteers, (too numerous to name individually) that helped work on the *Irene*. And thanks to all of those generous people who contributed money towards this project, and are still helping with the completion and powering projects that are needed to get the *Irene* under way.

Last but not Least (*bring out flowers here*) Cecily Parsons has graced our community with her charm and has been the loving supporting partner of Leland, throughout this project. We present these flowers as a small token of our thanks to you Cecily, without your strength support and assistance this project would have never happened.

To all of you involved with the restoration of the *Irene*, I know that the results of your efforts will Inspire many others to enjoy the traditions of the sea and the nautical heritage and history of Pillar Point Harbor for years to come

Thank You and Congratulations.

DAN TEMKO



San Mateo County Harbor District

1933 - 2008
Celebrating 75 Years

Board of Harbor Commissioners

Ken Lundie, President
Leo Padreddi, Vice President
Sally Campbell, Treasurer
Pietro Parravano, Secretary
James Tucker, Commissioner

Peter Grenell, General Manager

September 12, 2008

Leland Parsons
Pillar Point Educational Fund
One Johnson Pier #58
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Re: District's Donation to Pillar Point Educational Fund for F/V Irene Restoration

To Mr. Parsons:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Harbor District attached please find check number 035376 in the amount of \$2,853.64 towards the Pillar Point Educational Fund for the F/V Irene restoration. All of the District's sponsors and attendees made it possible for us to hold a successful event and raise funds for the F/V Irene.

The active support of local citizens helped us put together this historical event.


We are grateful for your willingness to get the F/V Irene up and running and for the success that this project has had in the boating community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT

75th Anniversary Committee


Sally Campbell
Commissioner


Pietro Parravano
Commissioner

**WELLS
FARGO**

Wendy Haller
Mission Coastal Market
1 Montgomery Street, 19th Floor
San Francisco, Ca. 94104
415-623-7636
415-623-7957 Fax

June 5, 2009

Leland and Cecily Parsons
Pillar Point Educational Fund, Inc.
1 Johnson Pier Slip 58
Half Moon Bay, Ca. 94019

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Parsons,

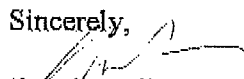
I am pleased to enclose our check for \$2500.00 designated for Project Irene. We are proud to partner with Pillar Point Educational Fund Inc. as you work toward achieving our shared goals in the community.

Please note that any recognition or publicity regarding this contribution should be in the name of **Wells Fargo Foundation**. We ask that you acknowledge Wells Fargo in any underwriting or funding announcements. Even so, *any* use of the Wells Fargo name or its trademarks must be in accordance with Wells Fargo's guidelines and approved by the appropriate Wells Fargo local or regional marketing officer.

Your acceptance of this grant acknowledges that no goods, services or benefits have been or will be provided to Wells Fargo and Company or any of its affiliates in exchange therefor.

We are delighted to assist your organization. Our best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,


Wendy Haller

Enclosures

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February 8, 2010

The Honorable Jackie Speier
12th Congressional District
400 S. El Camino Real, #750
San Mateo, CA 94402

Re: 2011 Appropriations Request

Dear Representative Speier,

I write to solicit your support for a one time Appropriation Request of \$80,000.00 which will allow us to complete our project in support of higher or technical education. Here the objective is to generate annual, scholarship funds for the local fishing community.

We expect to achieve our goal by restoring and transforming the historic 80 year old fishing trawler IRENE into a Pillar Point harbor touring vessel. I might add that the IRENE was the one of the first fishing vessels to make the Pillar Point Harbor its home 75 years ago. It was thus very fitting that the San Mateo Harbor Commission decided that the Harbor's 75th Anniversary celebration which was held on Aug 8, 2008 would also serve as a fund raising occasion for Project Irene. To demonstrate its support, the local community contributed about \$2500.00 to restoring the IRENE

The IRENE restoration is 85% complete but is in desperate need of \$80,000.00 to provide the propulsion system, electronics, safety railings, life rafts and startup operating costs. These funds will allow the completion of the refit to Coast Guard specifications. The work to date has been funded by about \$40,000.00 in private donations to make the non-profit Pillar Point Educational fund a reality. It was carried out by volunteers who have contributed thousands of hours of their time.

Allow me to take this occasion to invite you for a visit with us at the IRENE to see the progress that we have made and the need for a successful completion of this very worth while project. It will provide scholarships to the community as well as educate the general public about the environmental efforts underway to revitalize our rivers in long term support of California's failing commercial and sport fishing industries.

Very truly yours,

Diane Ross
Development Officer
volunteer

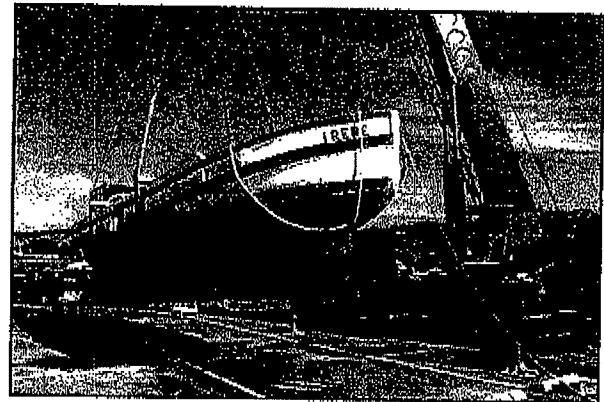
The Man Behind The Boat

By John Gross, 8th grade, Sea Crest School

The Irene, an old time fishing boat with a great deal of history, is being restored instead of heading for the dump. This 83 year old, 39 foot long Monterey style fishing boat located in Pillar Point Harbor. It was the first boat to fish commercially for albacore in Northern California.

Leland Parsons is the craftsman that is restoring the Irene. When he saw this vessel behind the harbor patrol's boat, he fell in love with its simple, yet beautiful lines. When Leland first got the Irene, it was a piece of rotting wood held together with rusty old nails. The main top structure was rotting and the windows were cracked looking like a spider web. To Leland he sees a challenging job that must be done. With his artistic skills and imagination he crafted the Irene into a ravishing tour boat.

The Irene out of the water

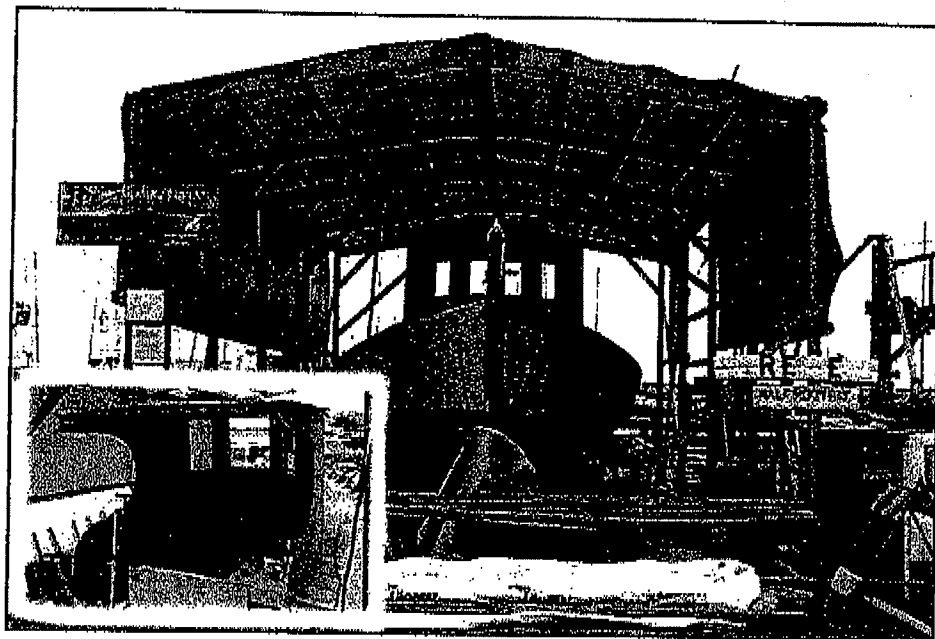


His one night stop at Pillar Point Harbor turned to be a three year long process to restore the Irene into a solid boat again. "Pillar Point Harbor reminds me of Gloucester," Leland said without regret. As Leland restores the hull of the Irene he takes no short cuts, giving the boat the antique look with a sweet curve to bow and stern. Using old wood bending techniques and also using modern day fiberglass spray, the Irene is keeping her old look.

"The Irene is on her second life, her first life was catching fish and now she will be a harbor tour boat."

With no salmon season, fishermen will be without jobs. Leland Parsons and his wife Cecily feel for them. Hopefully the Irene will raise money in harbor tours and also make the harbor a little more popular. Once the Irene is in the water, it will gather money from the harbor tour trips to give scholarships to the fishermen's sons and daughters. In August, Leland will be finished with the Irene. He envisions it looking like the original fishing boat yet restored to fit its new image as a tour boat. The restored Irene will show how it was before and display how fishermen caught salmon and used these types of boats.

The new and improved Irene demonstrates Leland's imagination and skill throughout the transformation of the project. Starting with the "piece of rotting wood" and transforming it into a modern day harbor tour boat with an antique look to it.



The Irene being transformed



PROJECT IRENE

1. History

Project Irene was conceived in the Fall of 2006 when San Diego-based sailors Leland and Cecily Parsons docked their 55 foot schooner, the Frank Edmund, for an overnight stay in Pillar Point Harbor. Three and one half years later the couple is still berthed in the marina, which is home now as well to the restored wooden-hulled Monterey fishing vessel Irene which they saved from demolition.

Soon after his arrival, Parsons, a native of Massachusetts who grew up in a fishing community, observed the Pillar Point Harbor Master, Dan Temko and his officers as they towed the F/V Irene towards her destruction, her still-gracious lines detectable to an expert eye despite her sad state of decay. Leland had, in fact, been thinking that the community of Pillar Point, with its favored site near World famous Maverick surf site and proximity to San Francisco, could enhance the tourist destination opportunities here with the establishment of a Harbor Tour activity. If such an initiative could be created as a not-for-profit venture, he reasoned, the net ticket proceeds could be used to raise scholarship funds for commercial fishing families, whose livelihood has become increasingly precarious.

Leland approached Dan with this idea and asked him to delay the Irene's condemnation until he could verify the condition of the vessel and research the feasibility of using it to create a scholarship fund. As a shipwright, he felt qualified to do the first inspection of her structural integrity. Upon examination of Irene's timbers, he found

her to be in good structural condition below the waterline with most of her damage having taken place at the deck-line. He then called the United States Coast Guard to request an official inspection. "Jokingly, (I think) they asked me, at one point if I wouldn't rather use a fiberglass boat," Leland said with a chuckle. "But, they made their inspection, laid out all of their rules, regulations, codes and standards necessary to carry a paying public and gave us their approval to continue. We have met and surpassed all the pertinent regulations. In fact," Leland adds, "The Coast Guard is now using the Irene as a teaching platform to instruct their students in wooden boat restoration and inspection."

The Irene is a treasure. Built in 1927, she served three generations of the Bettencourt family for more than seventy-five years, and had three subsequent owners until December 2006, when the Parsons placed her into the care of the non-profit 501 (c)(3) Pillar Point Educational Fund.

Family members of her original owner, George Bettencourt, have enthusiastically endorsed Project Irene. A visit to the dry-dock site by George's son, grandson, and great-grandsons was a special moment for all.

On October 4th, 2008, the refurbished but engineless Irene was launched, with a large gathering of friends, fans and supporters in attendance.

2. Educational Objectives and Opportunities

The principal objective of the Pillar Point Educational Fund is the establishment a scholarship program to assist the children and grandchildren of local commercial fishing families in the pursuit of higher education.

work There are also related, direct ,educational opportunities to be derived from the rehabilitation and transformation of the F/V IRENE Harbor Tour vessel. While still under reconstruction she has already served as a training site for the US Coast Guard . Young USCG officers visited our site to ~~directly~~ acquire technical competence in wooden boat inspection. For a period of time we also received a weekly visit by a group of special education students From HOPE Services who ably assisted us in the

reconstruction process. Finally, during the Harbor's 75th Anniversary celebrations, Leland Parsons held a wood boat building class attended by nearly 30 people.

Once operational we will employ young students as tour guides. This will provide them and the tour participants with an opportunity to learn the past and a living history of the fishing and sailing vessels moored in Pillar Point Harbor.

3. Official Support

The Pillar Point Educational Fund Board of Directors;

Leland Parsons, President

Cecily Parsons, Secretary Treasurer

Peter Guernsey, Project CEO

Jack Gross, Director

Alex Becker, Director

Greg Gomes, Director et al

extend grateful thanks to its official supporters, for their assistance. They include:

The San Mateo Harbor Commission

James Tucker, President;

Ken Lundie, Vice President;

Leo Padreddi, Treasurer;

Sally Campbell, Secretary;

Pietro Parravano, Commissioner.

The Pillar Point Harbormaster, Dan Temko

The US Coastguard, Station San Francisco

Their enthusiastic support was essential to the success of our initiative to restore the Irene.

4. Volunteer and Material Support

Volunteer support has been crucial to our success. The hull restoration was entirely done with community volunteer

labor. Although not logged in detail, that contribution amounted to a minimum of about 7000 man & woman-hours. A complete list of volunteers will be posted on the "projectirene" Web site when its construction is completed.

In addition to labor and major private monetary contributions the Fund has benefited from considerable material support from the business community. We express our sincere gratitude to;

Ocean Shore Hardware

Big Creek Lumber

Weigh-Tech Inc.

Svendsen's Marine

Advanced Automatic Gates

Auto Diesel Marine

Tahoe Sierra Electric

Plywood Lumber Sales

Lane Staunton Vance Lumber Co

Guernsey Coating Laboratories

Nick's Rockaway Café

Nini's Coffee Shop

and

Fishermen J & R Dooley

The total amount of monetary and in kind contributions is estimated at about \$40,000.

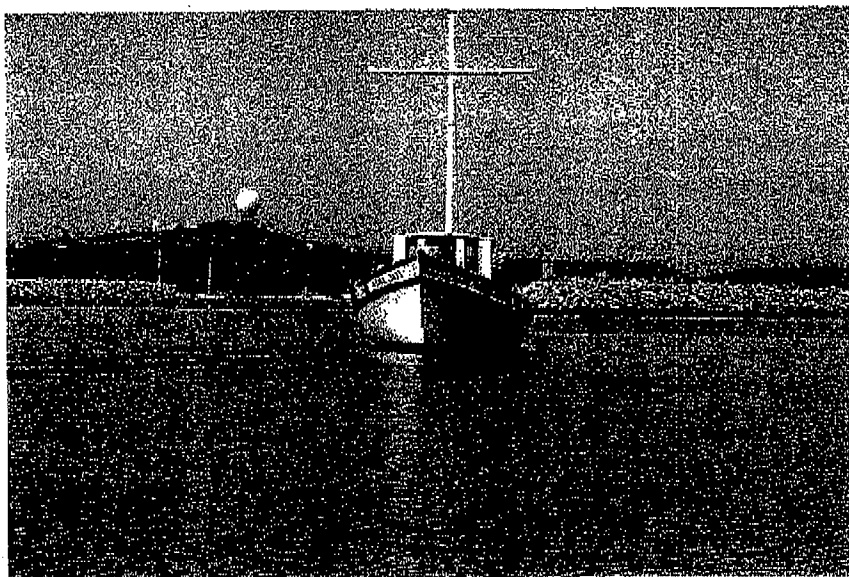
5. Accomplishments

Jan 2007-Jan 2010

The complete restoration and transformation of the F/V IRENE from her removal from the water and placement in dry-dock to her launch and return to the sea was a labor of love. Some details of the work are itemized as follows;

- All 88 of the *Irene's* ribs have either been replaced (27) or scarfed and laminated (61)
- New engine log timbers have been installed;
- New bilge clamp and new sheer clamp from bow to mid-ships have been installed;
- New deck beams and deck from the bow to mid-ships have been installed;
- Port Orford cedar planks were steamed, bent, and placed in order to complete her stern.
- The *Irene* has a spacious and efficient new pilothouse;
- The US Coast Guard has approved the scantlings

IRENE October 2008



IRENE ca 1925

